

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification in accordance with the following particulars:

Page 2, amend the second full paragraph as follows:

The elastomer constituting the liner sleeve member frictionally engages and remains attached to the skin of a residual limb so that the limb is retained within the hard socket member in a comfortable, non-irritating manner. The liner sleeve may be thickened to provide cushioning effect between the residual limb and the hard socket, which is typically custom made to closely fit the residual limb. Liner sleeves of this kind are used for both trans-tibial (TT) amputees as well as trans-femoral (TF) amputees. That is, the liner sleeves may be utilized for applications above the knee or below the knee of the ~~amputee~~amputee.

Page 8, amend the second full paragraph as follows:

If desired, the seal element 6 could be formed as a separate element or assembly of elements attached to or otherwise secured to the liner sleeve body portion 1, as will be described below. It will be apparent that any manufacturing technique known to those skilled in the art could be utilized to create an enlarged seal element 6 surrounding the peripheral area of the liner sleeve body portion 1 at an area thereof between the proximal and distal end areas 2, 3 of the liner sleeve body portion 1 so that, upon insertion of the liner sleeve body portion ~~went~~ into a hard socket 5, the seal 6 isolates the distal end area of the interior of the hard socket 5 from atmosphere between the seal 6 and the distal end area of the hard socket 5. While a single seal element may be utilized in accordance with the present invention, a plurality of seal rings 6 secured to the liner sleeve could be utilized to provide enhanced sealing effect, as will be described below.

Page 8, amend the paragraph spanning pages 8 and 9 as follows:

To permit purging of air from the distal end of the socket 5 while the liner sleeve body portion 1 and its associated seal 6 are inserted into the socket, an appropriate one way valve element 7 may be provided, ~~on~~ or a valve capable of opening and closing manually may be used to isolate the interior of the distal end of the socket 5 from atmosphere.